

Sonuga was arrested in the South End Jan. 12, after police received a tip that he was sitting in his car. Police found two stolen checks worth \$13,000 in his car. Sonuga was allegedly carrying various forms of identification under several names.

Since Sonuga had two outstanding arrest warrants, he should not have been released on any amount of bail. But Hussey said that information had not been entered into the state's warrant management system. Police, he said, are not responsible for maintaining that system.

Another mistake was made the day Sonuga was arrested. His booking sheet lists his ethnicity as white — just below a picture of Sonuga, a Nigerian.

transitors have spent the past month trying to figure out how Sonuga's original \$750,000 bail got slashed.

Yesterday, a Boston Police Department official said the error occurred when a police officer was typing the handwritten notes of a bail commissioner into the computer and left off the last three zeroes.

"That was a mistake made on our behalf," said James Hussey, superintendent-in-chief. "We had an officer who looked at that handwritten number who didn't use a comma, and used a decimal point in-

Hussey said the department is still investigating, and isn't yet sure who made stead."

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technophiles everywhere, and Napster fans insist they're actually staking out the moral high ground as they download the music for free.

benefit to some, OK to others

It allows users to download songs for free, he discovered a real digital divide.

LIL JAMES E. Post, a Boston University professor who teaches business structure that forces him to choose between his principles and his job as a service that allows him to support his family.

City aide in hot water because tenant is not

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Lincoln Smith, the City Council's chief researcher, will be arraigned March 9 on charges that he let a tenant live without hot water for almost two months, a situation Smith says the tenant inflicted.

Palmira Williams, who lives on the third floor of a house Smith runs at 11 Newport St. in Dorchester, said she hasn't had hot upon herself.

To bathe, Williams, 56, fills a large pot with water, boils it, and carries it into the bathroom to mix with the cold water in her tub. Williams said she has had several neck surgeries and suffers from diabetes. Washing dislikes with icy water since Jan. 7.

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Palmira Williams washing with water she warmed on the stove in her Dorchester apartment. GLOBE STAFF PHOTO/PAT GREENHO

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For teenagers like David Bender and Adam Wrightington, seeking new and innovative ways to buck the system is as natural as skateboarding hard across the sidewalks of the financial district. They think music money hardly

mentality, they say, should reign supreme.

"You shouldn't be charged for music," said Bender, 16. "That's morally wrong."

Both teens say they will continue to download their favorite songs as a matter of principle.

bridge-based digital entertainment research firm, 250 million songs were downloaded the weekend just before the Feb. 12 ruling against Napster; 150 million were downloaded that Sunday alone. And just this past Monday, 96 million songs were saved to users' since September," says a Webnoize executive. frenzied traffic, he due to the count young and old, people, like looters in perate to grab every before the clock run

City aide lands in hot water

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the city's worst landlords. That year he was cited for numerous maintenance violations and did not appear at his trial in Housing Court until he showed up on a list of 48 landlords with outstanding warrants.

Smith has been at odds with some city agencies for almost 15 years. In 1986 he was fired by former city personnel chief Robert Consalvo.

In 1990, Smith was awarded a \$142,000 settlement for being fired illegally, and in 1996, after the verdict held up on appeal, Smith was rehired.

Smith's boss, City Council President Charles C. Yancey, yesterday denied any knowledge of Smith's record as a trouble-prone landlord — even though he said when he first took office Jan. 1 that he would investigate the Smith situation within two weeks.

On Jan. 9, Williams called the city's Inspectional Services Department, which issued an emergency violation order stating that the hot water heater was not in working order and that the knob had been turned off, and requiring that the unit be fixed.

When the violations were not corrected the following day, Inspectional Services recommended prosecution of the landlord.

Spokesman John Dorsey said inspectors went back to the house three days ago to check on another violation, which had been fixed, and found that Williams's hot wa-



GLOBE STAFF PHOTO/PAT GREENHOUSE

Palmira Williams has been without hot water for nearly two months in her Dorchester apartment owned by Lincoln Smith.

ter was still not restored.

City inspectors plan to return again on Wednesday.

"We try in good faith to work with landlords, but sometimes there are violations that endanger a tenant, such as having no hot water," Dorsey said. "It's a basic need to have in an apartment for washing, bathing, and cleaning."

Smith said that Williams turned the hot water heater off herself, to avoid eviction for overdue rent.

"It's her way of prolonging her tenancy," Smith said. "If there's an outstanding code violation, you can't start an eviction process."

According to Smith, Williams in the past has refused to allow

contractors into her apartment to make repairs and has repeatedly left trash on her porch.

In a letter dated Jan. 25, Smith wrote to Williams to tell her it was "imperative" that immediate access be granted for repairs upon 24-hour notice.

A hearing in Boston Housing Court is scheduled for March 2.

Smith also pointed out a Jan. 6 police report stating that Williams was "uncooperative with officers" when they arrived at her apartment in response to her call. On that day, Smith had appeared, unannounced, on the porch.

Williams says she thinks that's when Smith turned her hot water heater off.

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NEW BEDFORD has been charged and five others have in connection with and stomping death ford man.

Police say George, 45, was beaten to death 16 as he was fixing a man who was with him to call police when it allegedly attacked the two.

Robert H. Tirard of Bedford, was arraigned Thursday charged with murder, battery, and malicious personal property. Charged with being murderer were Ryan

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